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The Food Distribution Program for Summer Camps for Children

Through various food distribution programs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) donates foods to help meet the nutritional needs of children and needy adults. The program also helps to expand markets for foods that American farmers produce.

The Food Distribution Program for Summer Camps for Children provides food to nonprofit summer camps that serve meals to children of high school grade and under.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE PROGRAM?

Children under 18 years of age, attending summer residential or day camps for children, receive the benefits of the donated foods. Camps are eligible to participate if they operate a nonprofit food service from May through September and are organized primarily for children through high school grade.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM OPERATE?

USDA buys food under price-support, surplus-removal, and related legislation and makes this food available to States. USDA pays for the initial processing and packaging of the food and for transporting it to designated points within each State. State distributing agencies are then responsible for storing the food, transporting it, and distributing it to all local summer camps within that State.

Summer camps receiving USDA-donated foods may employ food service companies to manage their food service operations. The summer camps must have a written contract with the company, and the donated foods must be used only for the benefit of the summer camp's nonprofit food service operation.

WHAT FOODS ARE AVAILABLE?

The foods that USDA donates to summer camps vary from time to time. Generally, they include dairy products, cereals and grains, and peanut and oil products. State distributing agencies have current information on the foods available from USDA.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may obtain further information on the Food Distribution Program from the appropriate Food and Nutrition Service regional office for your State:

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Food and Nutrition Service
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Food and Nutrition Service
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Southeast Regional Office
Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Mississippi, North Carolina,
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